Summer 2022 House Projects
for
The Livingston County Historical Society

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Painting North & East Porch Columns

Jones House

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All 4 columns got 2 coats of exterior white semi-gloss

Painting North & East Porch Columns

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Built in 1858

Painting Carriage House

Peeling had started on white trim and red upper portion.
Unusual “stamped” metal simulated block on top section.

Painting Carriage House

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Turns out red on Carriage House matches red on Strevell House ☺

Painting Carriage House

- Red fades fastest of all colors

- Worst fading on the South side where building gets most sunlight

- Used for target practice by boys with BB guns ☺
(filled holes with Latex caulk)

- Very difficult to paint
  -Up, Down, 45 degrees in 2 directions to cover stamped sheet metal

Painting Carriage House

- Painting completed
- 2 coats on White Trim
- 1 coat on red stamped sheet metal

Painting Carriage House

- White boards need painting on kitchen walls
- All white trim needs painted
- Starting to peel on upper facia boards
- Put on the 2023 Summer work list
- Lot more painting on a brick house than what you would think !!

Jones House

Now time for the tough job !

Jones House

- May 2022…..Ron Baker
  "There is Scat in the Jones House basement"

Scat = Grizzly Bear poop

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- Saw daylight when in basement
- Pulled red cover, saw daylight in foundation
- Will come back on a warmer day (was finishing daughter's basement until June 26)

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Bricks ready to “blow inwards”

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My Theory:

- House burned wood when built
- Wanted to switch to coal
- Can’t cut hole in wall of brick wall house
- Let’s cut a hole in foundation and dig exterior coal chute
- Hole in stacked rock foundation never really repaired

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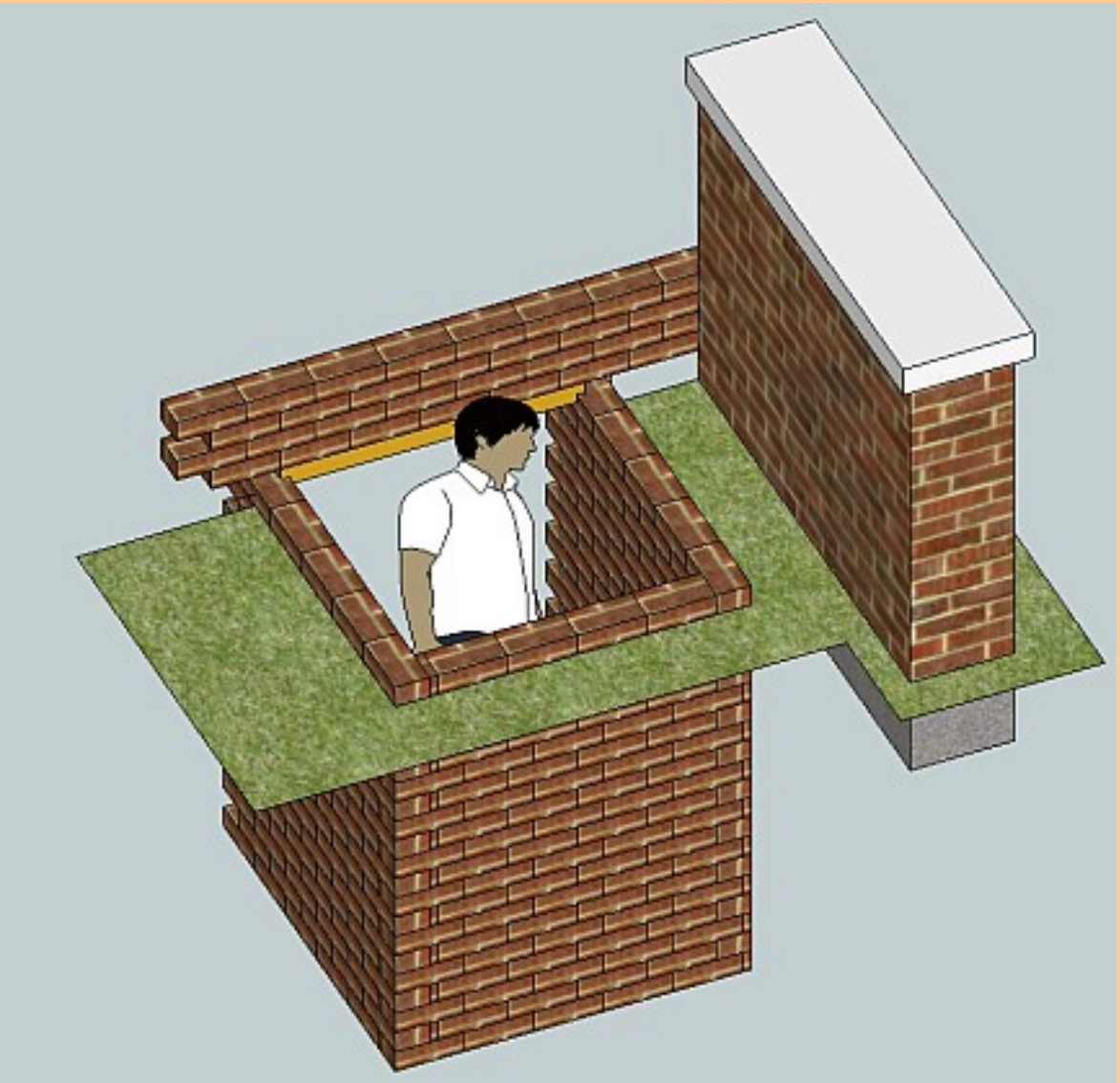

- Exterior coal chute added maybe 1870?
- Brick wall around backyard added circa 1978
- 2,000 Lb. brick wall within 10” of a 5 ft. deep hole
- Pushed in north brick lined wall
- Note board support

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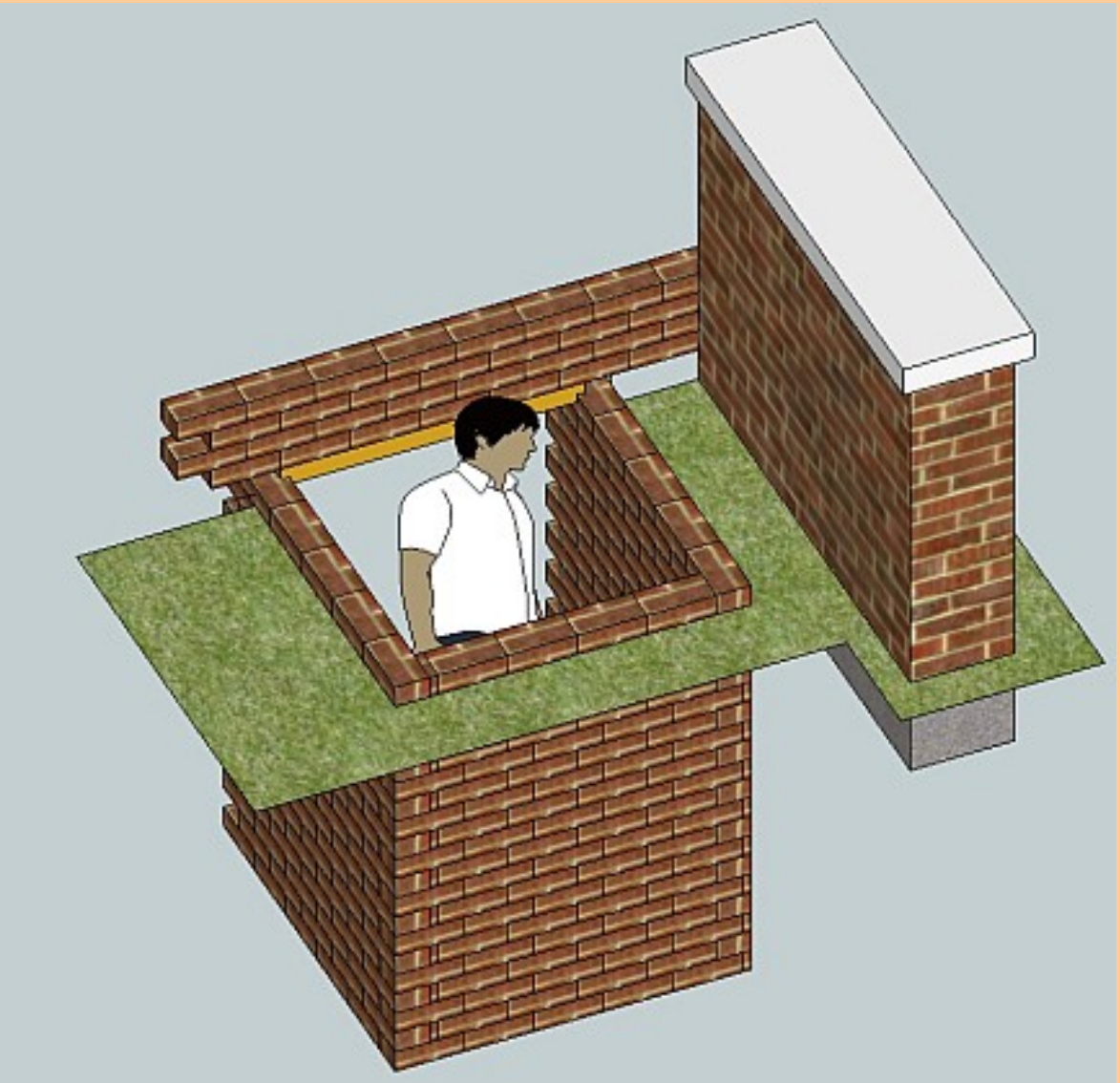

•Story to wife….

“No safety issues with this project….

If I’m in the hole and wall blows out….

2,000 Lb brick wall falls on me first….

Then the whole brick corner of house ☺

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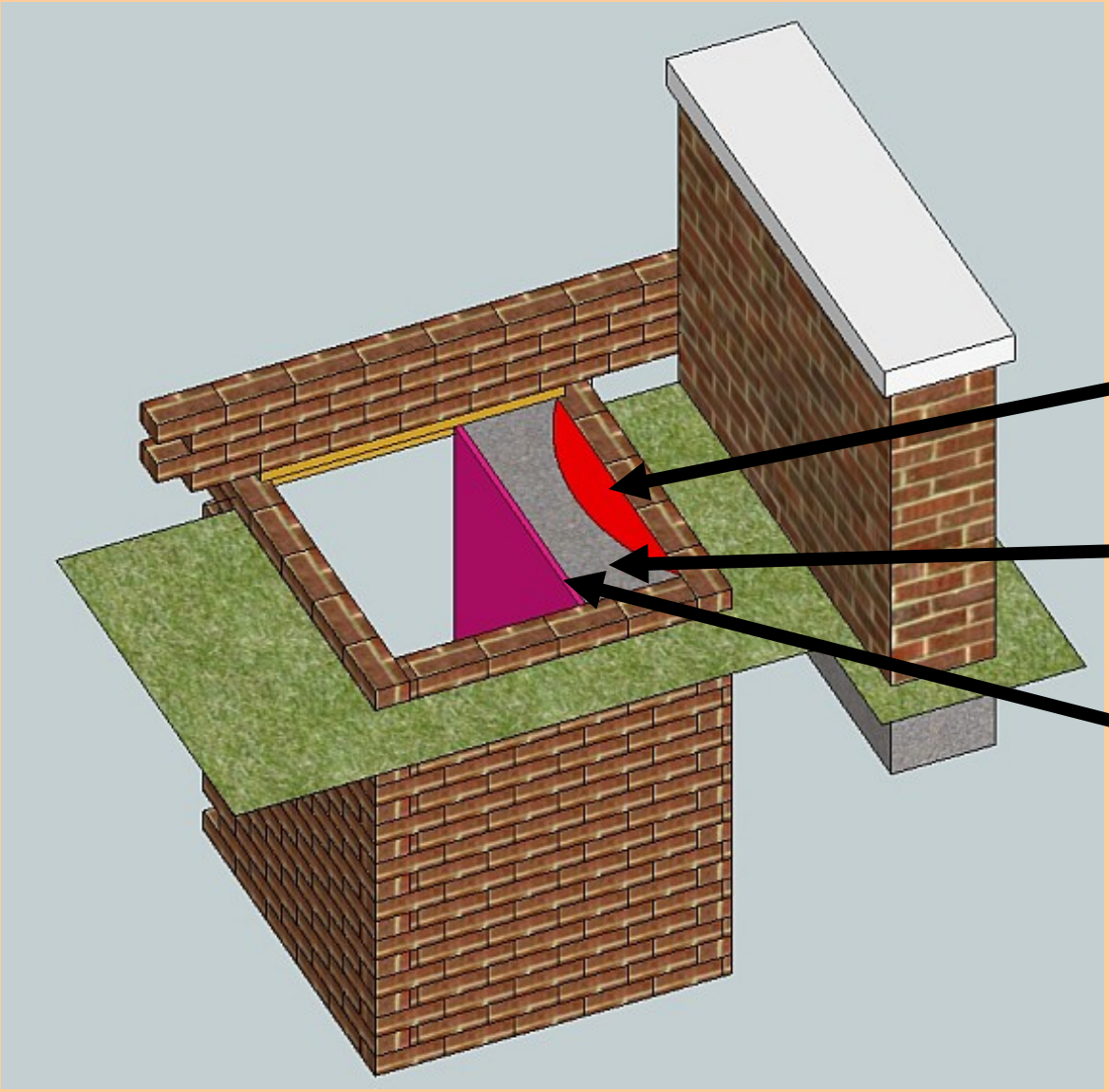
Brick wall bulge
New concrete wall
Plywood form, do not touch bulging wall!

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Bow in North Wall

Found coal at bottom!

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Story of concrete form “blow-out” in 1968 on the farm.
“If in doubt, over reinforce the forms!”

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Recycled Strevell House sign into concrete form for Jones House ☺

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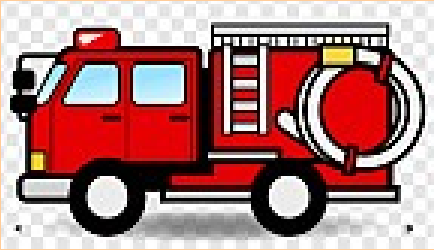
Tell “Ambulance & Fire Truck story”



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Needed something to keep concrete from leaking out of form in Stacked Rock foundation

Fairbury Ace Hardware ☺

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- Needed 24 hours to harden, but worked great

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Phase #1 Complete

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Concrete Pad to Lay new Concrete Block Wall

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Concrete Pad to Lay new Concrete Block Wall is Poured

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Starting to lay new block wall to close hole in stacked rock foundation plus support top board

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Phase #2
New Block Wall
to close hole in
foundation
Completed

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- New block wall not the prettiest looking in basement.

- Did not want to lug buckets of mortar through house to basement and spill on floor, and ruin 1858 carpets

- Is fully mortared on outside of wall.

Jones House

Want to pour concrete Cross-Wall to keep my big concrete wall from tipping.

How do I do form up a cross wall in a small hole I can’t get in?

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“Just drop it in the hole” ☺

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Ready to pour cross-wall

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Phase #3 Cross-Wall Completed

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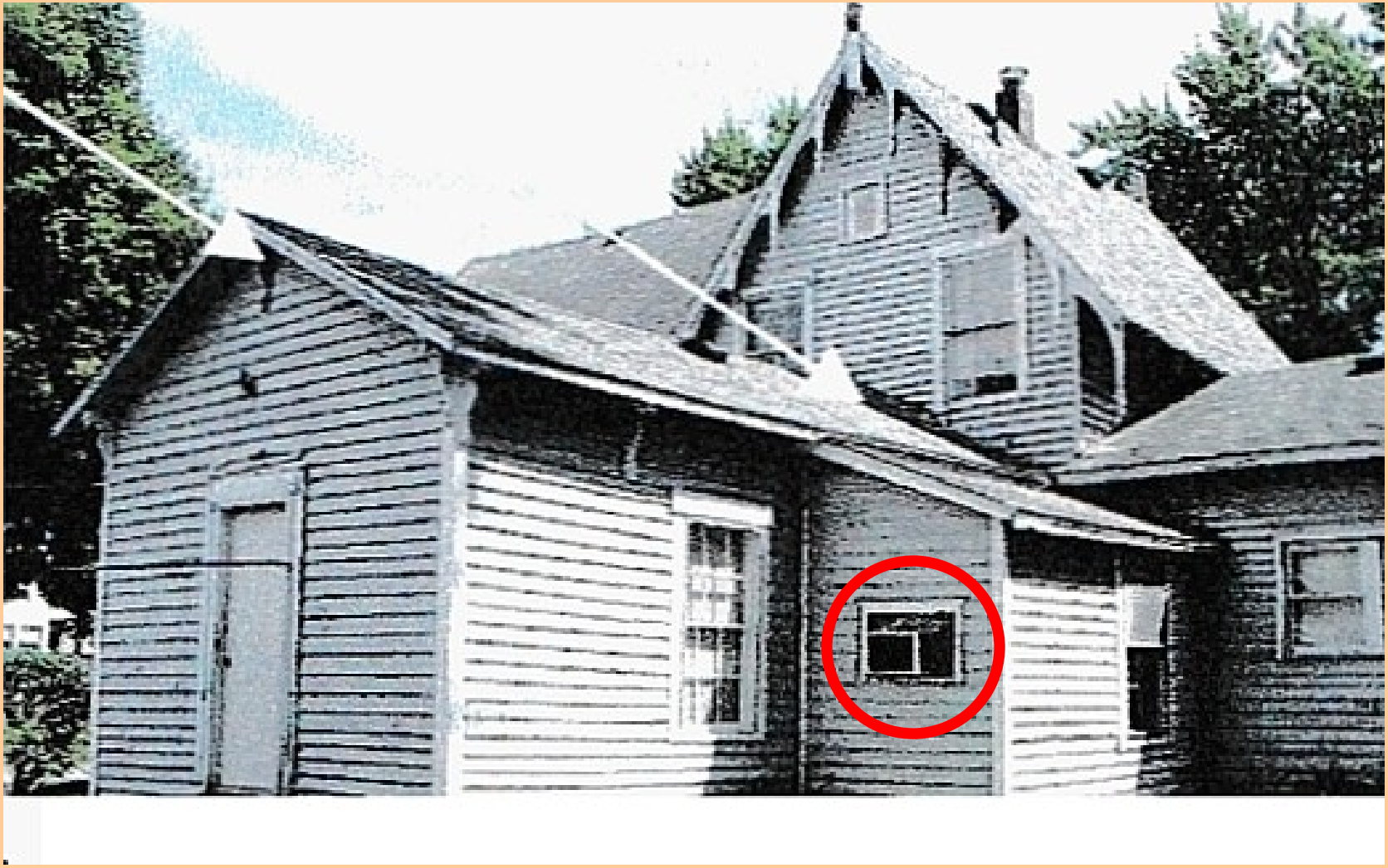
Phase #4 Re-lay top courses of bricks

Strevell House Window Repair



Window AC Unit in small room before renovation started

Strevell House Window Repair

- Window was dry-walled over in new restroom (Inside)
- Exterior window frame not removed and piece of OSB board nailed over window opening
- I caulked and painted in summer of 2021
- Need new cedar siding to fill opening
- Fairbury lumberyard story
  $2,000 minimum order ☹
- Special order Menards for $112

Strevell House Window Repair

How to cut window sill flush without disturbing finished dry-wall inside of house?

Strevell House Window Repair

Shaved foam so new boards would fit ok.

Strevell House Window Repair

- Left OSB board in place
- Added stud to nail new siding to

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Fun picking up all the shaved foam pieces ☺

Took less than ½ day.

Strevell House Window Repair

Can't tell there was a window there :)

The End

Questions?